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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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> Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Re: Telecommunications, Inc. and Intermedia Communications Inc. Pursuant to

Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 99-00948

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of the parties' Joint Motion to Defer the Pre-Arbitration Conference scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2000. Counsel for Intermedia has authorized me to file this letter and motion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

GMH:ch **Enclosure**

Don Baltimore, Esquire cc:

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Nashville, Tennessee

In Re:

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MOTION TO DEFER

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Intermedia Communications, Inc. ("Intermedia") request that the Pre-Arbitration Conference scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2000 be deferred. The Conference was scheduled for the purpose of clarifying and refining issues and developing a schedule to completion for this proceeding.

The parties have recently submitted a Revised Joint Issues Matrix to the Authority and do not believe that any further refinement of issues is necessary. The parties also are working to develop a joint proposal for a schedule to completion to be submitted to the Hearing Officer for his review. From the parties' perspective, therefore, the Pre-Arbitration Conference is not necessary.

Moreover, counsel for BellSouth have a previously-scheduled conflict during Thursday, May 25. Should the Hearing Officer or Staff believe that further clarification or refinement of the issues is necessary or should the Hearing Officer believe a Conference is necessary to adopt a schedule, the parties are amenable to participating in a rescheduled Pre-Arbitration Conference.

For the foregoing reasons, the Authority should defer the date of the Pre-Arbitration Conference scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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